

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6296

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Extending the expiration date of the habitat and recreation lands coordinating group.

Sponsors: Senators Parlette, Ranker and Fraser; by request of Recreation and Conservation Office.

Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks

House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

Background: Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group (Lands Group) Generally. In 2007, the Legislature established the Lands Group consisting of representatives from specified natural resources agencies, as well as representatives of local government and stakeholder organizations invited to participate by the director of the Recreation and Conservation Office.

The statutory duties of the Lands Group include producing a biennial forecast of land acquisition and disposal plans, convening an annual forum for agencies to coordinate near-term acquisition and disposal plans, and developing an approach for monitoring the success of acquisitions.

Expiration Date for Lands Group Authorization. The Lands Group was initially authorized for five years, and was set to expire on July 31, 2012. In 2012, the Legislature extended the Lands Group for five additional years until July 31, 2017.

Summary: The statutory authorization for the Lands Group is extended by 10 years until July 31, 2027. Prior to January 1, 2027, the Lands Group must provide a recommendation to the Legislature on whether it should continue.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	49	0
House	96	1

Effective: June 9, 2016

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